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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Scott McIntosh
Applicant Number: 10/776,838
Filing Date: February 11, 2004
Examiner/Art Group Unit: Flores Sanchez, Omar/3724
Title: HAND-HELD BAND SAW

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 25-0115.

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2006, wherein the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement between the following:

Group I: Claims 1-33, drawn to a hand-held power saw classified in class 83, subclass 788; and

Group II: Claims 40-50, drawn to a method of cutting a workpiece having the step of depressing a trigger in the handle, classified in class 83, subclass 13.

Applicant, through his attorney, elects Group I drawn to a hand-held power saw. Claims 1-33 read on the elected Group I. The Examiner has also indicated in the Office Action that claims 34-39 will be examined along with the elected group.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact

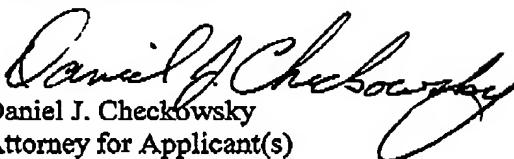
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the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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